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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Examiner Hieu c. Le	Art Unit 2142	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-4,7-9,14-20,23-34 and 37-44 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) 5-6,10-13,21-22,35-36,38-41 is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 24 recites the limitation " wherein the step of receiving a request from a client system " in line 1-2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351 (a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-4,9,14-20,23,27-34,37, 42-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Waldin et al (US Patent 6,094,731).

As to claim 1, Waldin discloses a method a method, for use in a client system for downloading from a fileserver, a file and an associated virus-free certificate certifying that the file is virus-free, comprising the steps of:

sending a request to a file server for a virus-free certificate associated with a file to download from said file server, said request comprising one or a plurality

of requirements for said virus-free certificate [A recipient computer 11, receives a file and digital signature attached to the file to certify that the file is virus free (col. 5; lines 28-50, fig. 4). The step of sending a request to the sending computer (server) is inherent because the recipient computer has to send a request to the sending server to request the file and digital signature (certificate) are move to computer 11(recipient computer) i.e. downloaded, an antivirus product such as Norton Anti Virus (one requirement) is run on the file (col. 3, lines 57-61) to insure it is virus free].

downloading the file and the associated virus-free certificate, said virus-free certificate comprising a file signature for certifying that the file is declared virus-free by a virus-free certificate authority [Fig. 4, step 60 shows that the file and the attached signature is moved to recipient computer 11 i.e. downloaded, the virus free certificate is certified by a certificate authority (col. 4, lines 37-42)].

As to claim 2, Waldin further discloses wherein the one or plurality of virus free certificate requirements comprises:

a list of one or a plurality of anti virus programs that must have been executed on the file to download [a Norton Antivirus program (at least one) is run on the file before downloading it (col. 3, lines 57-61)].

As to claim 3, Waldin further discloses wherein the one or plurality of anti-virus requirements further comprise:

a list of one of a plurality of virus-free certificate authorities to which the issuer of the virus-free certificate must belong [A certification authority (at least one) authenticates the virus free signature (certificate) col. 4, lines 37-42].

As to claim 4, Waldin further discloses wherein the one or plurality of anti-virus requirements further comprise:

a virus-free certificate type [version number of anti virus scan module (a virus free certificate type) (col. 4, lines 66-67)].

As to claim 7, Waldin further discloses a client system [Fig. 1, recipient computer (client system) to carry out claim 1].

As to claim 9, refer to claim 1 rejection.

As to claim 19, refer to claim 3 rejection.

As to claim 20, refer to claim 4 rejection.

As to claim 23, refer to claim 7 rejection.

As to claim 14, refer to claim 2 rejection.

As to claim 15, refer to claim 3 rejection.

As to claim 16, refer to claim 4 rejection.

As to claim 17, refer to claim 17 rejection.

As to claim 27, refer to claim 2 rejection.

As to claim 28, refer to claim 3 rejection.

As to claim 29, refer to claim 2 rejection.

As to claim 30, Waldin further discloses a file server system [Fig. 1 , server computer 2].

As to claim 31, refer to claim 1 rejection. Waldin further discloses a computer program [Fig. 1].

As to claim 32, refer to claim 2 rejection.

As to claim 33, refer to claim 3 rejection.

As to claim 34, refer to claim 4 rejection.

As to claim 37, refer to claim 9 rejection. Waldin further discloses a computer program [Fig. 1].

As to claim 42, refer to claim 2 rejection.

As to claim 43, refer to claim 3 rejection.

As to claim 44, refer to claim 4 rejection.

Claims 24-26 would be allowable if overcome the 112,2nd paragraph rejection and rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 5-6,10-13,21-22,35-36,38-41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hieu Le whose telephone number is (703) 306-3101.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Harvey, can be reached on (703) 305-9705. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-9051.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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